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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**HIGHWAYS-THROUGH-CITIES
PALOS VERDES BOULEVARD/VIA ROSITA ROADWAY DRAIN PROJECT
CITY OF PALOS VERDES ESTATES
RESOLUTION NO. 3894
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 4
4 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Acting as a responsible agency pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, consider the enclosed Negative Declaration, which was prepared by the City of Palos Verdes Estates; find that the Palos Verdes Boulevard/Via Rosita Roadway Drain project will not have a significant effect on the environment; find that the Negative Declaration reflects the independent judgment of the County; and approve the Negative Declaration.
2. Adopt the enclosed Resolution finding that the proposed roadway drain in the vicinity of Palos Verdes Boulevard and Via Rosita, within the City of Palos Verdes Estates, is of general County interest and providing that County aid shall be extended for this project to the City of Palos Verdes Estates in the amount of \$200,000 from the Fourth Supervisorial District's Road Construction Program.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The City of Palos Verdes Estates is proceeding with the construction of a roadway drain in the vicinity of Palos Verdes Boulevard and the Via Rosita pedestrian path, which is located entirely within the City.

Your Board's adoption of the enclosed Resolution will authorize the expenditure of County Highways-Through-Cities funds in the City of Palos Verdes Estates for this roadway drain project.

Sections 1680-1683 of the California Streets and Highways Code provide that the board of supervisors of any county may, by a resolution adopted by a four-fifths vote of its members, determine that certain types of road improvements on specified streets are of general county interest and that county aid shall be provided. County aid may be provided in the form of labor, equipment and materials, or a direct payment to the city.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence. By improving the drainage in the vicinity of Palos Verdes Boulevard and Via Rosita pedestrian path, residents of the City of Palos Verdes Estates and nearby unincorporated County areas, who travel on Palos Verdes Boulevard, will benefit from the enhanced safety of the roadway, which will improve their quality of life.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The total project cost is estimated to be \$400,000 of which \$200,000 will be financed by the County. Funding for this project is available in the Fourth Supervisorial District's Road Construction Program included in the Fiscal Year 2004-05 Road Fund budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The enclosed Resolution has been approved as to form by County Counsel.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

On April 19, 2005, the City of Palos Verdes Estates, as the lead agency, circulated a Negative Declaration in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act

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requirements. There were no public comments received during the public comment period and no significant environmental issues with the project were raised; therefore, the City of Palos Verdes Estates adopted the Negative Declaration.

On May 10, 2005, the City of Palos Verdes Estates filed a Notice of Determination with the County in accordance with the requirements of Section 21152 of the California Public Resources Code.

Under the California Environment Quality Act, the County is a "responsible agency" whose discretionary approval of the project is required in order for the City to carry out the project. As a responsible agency, your Board must consider and adopt the Negative Declaration prepared by the City of Palos Verdes Estates before the project is approved and the recommended Highways-Through-Cities aid is granted.

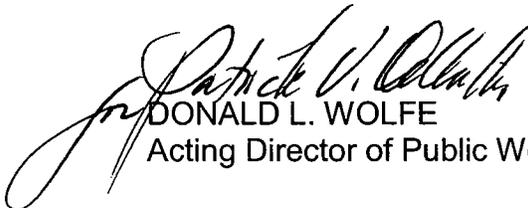
IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Palos Verdes Boulevard in the vicinity of the Via Rosita pedestrian path is on the County's Highway Plan, and the proposed roadway drain improvements are needed and of general County interest. No impact on current services or projects will result from this action.

CONCLUSION

Please return one approved copy of this letter and one certified copy of the adopted Resolution to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,


DONALD L. WOLFE
Acting Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel

The foregoing Resolution was on the _____ day of _____, 2005, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex-officio of the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts.

VIOLET VARONA-LUKENS
Executive Officer of the
Board of Supervisors of the
County of Los Angeles

By _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.
County Counsel

By Warren Weller (CWZ)
Deputy